

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CGEN  
SUBJECT: AIRLINE BOOKINGS TO THE U.S.

REF: HONG KONG 9992

1. HONG KONG MARKETING MANAGER FOR PANAM TELEPHONED MORNING  
AUGUST 2 TO INFORM HE HAD RECEIVED TELEX MESSAGE FROM HIS  
PRINCIPALS IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN  
INSTRUCTED TO INFORM CONGEN THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR  
PANAM TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS TO RELIEVE AN UNPRECEDENTED  
DEMAND FOR SPACE, NOT ONLY IN FAR EAST BUT IN EUROPE AS WELL.  
HE ANTICIPATES SPACE DEMANDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HEAVY FOR AT  
LEAST ANOTHER SIX WEEKS AND THAT END OF NORTHWEST STRIKE  
WOULD ONLY PARTIALLY RELIEVE THE CONGESTION.

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2. WE CONTINUE TO GET DEMANDS FROM STRANDED CITIZENS, THE  
LATEST BEING A GROUP OF 75 PERSONS, THAT WE ORDER A  
CARRIER TO LIFT THEM WITHOUT DELAY. WHEN INFORMED WE  
HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO COMPEL ANY CARRIER TO LIFT THEM  
AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS, THE CALLER COMPLAINED THAT IN  
THEIR TIME OF DISTRESS, THE USG WAS INEFFECTUAL. WHILE  
IT MAY BE TOO LATE, WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD

ISSUE A TRAVEL ADVISORY TO THE INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY  
TRAVEL AGENTS, THAT TRAVELLERS SHOULD BE PUT ON NOTICE  
THAT RETURN TRAVEL TO THE U.S. MAY BE DIFFICULT TO COME  
BY NO SHORT NOTICE. SEVERAL CALLERS HAVE COMPLAINED  
THAT TRAVEL AGENT FAILED TO INFORM OF THE DIFFICULTY  
IN RETURNING TO THE U.S. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP  
OF 75 TRAVELLERS ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THEIR TRAVEL  
AGENT EVEN BOOKED THEM ON NORTHWEST, DESPITE THE AIRLINE  
BEING ON STRIKE.  
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